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In re Application of   :   Ralf DREIBHOLZ and Michael EBENHOCH
Serial no.   :
For   :   METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROL OF A SHIFTING COMPONENT OF A STEPPED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Docket   :   ZAHFRI P575US

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Drawings:

Please amend Figs. 1-5 of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission. Also enclosed are new formal drawings (Figs. 1-5).

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 002, 003, 004, 005, 012, 013, 020, 021 and 027 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 13-24 as follows.

[002] This application claims priority from German Application Serial No. 103 04 050.1 filed February 1, 2003.

[003] FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[004] The invention relates to a method and a device for control of a shifting component of a stepped automatic transmission ~~of the kind respectively defined in detail in the preamble of claims 1 and in the preamble of claim 8.~~

[005] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[012] ~~According to the invention this problem is solved by a method and a device respectively having the features of claim 1 and claim 8.~~

[013] SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[020] BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[021] ~~Other advantages and advantageous developments of the invention result from the claims and from the embodiment described herebelow in principle~~ The invention will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the ~~drawing. In the drawing~~ accompanying drawings in which:

[027] DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION